

Photography and Videography Permits - Snow Canyon State Park

Due to its stunning scenery Snow Canyon State Park is a popular location for professional portrait photographers and videographers. Any professional portrait session (wedding, engagement, family portrait, or other posed portraiture) for commercial gain requires a Special Use Permit. Amateurs acting in the role of a professional are also required to obtain a permit. In order to issue a permit the following information is required:

1. Business name, address, and phone number
2. Photographer's and/or videographer's name and e-mail address
3. Date of shoot
4. Location(s) of shoot
5. Nature of shoot (bridals, family portraits, graduation photos, etc.) and description of equipment and props to be used
6. Arrival and departure times
7. Number of people and vehicles
8. Non-refundable filing fee of \$25

Please submit your information via e-mail a minimum of two weeks in advance of your proposed shoot. Each permit costs \$25 (you will be contacted regarding payment once your date and information is confirmed). The standard entrance fee of \$10 per vehicle (or \$3.00 per person if you will be shuttling your clients into the park) is due upon entry.

Popular shoot locations include: 1) The Sand Dunes, 2) Galoot Hill, 3) Petrified Dunes, and 4) the Snow Canyon Overlook. Due to the rising popularity of portrait shoots, no more than three permits will be issued for the same day and time slot. Permits may also be limited for popular locations.

When planning your session please note the following:

1. Parking is limited throughout the canyon.
2. Parking is in designated lots only; parking along non-designated road shoulders is prohibited.
3. Hiking is on designated trails only. No off-trail or cross-country travel is allowed. All trails are detailed in our park brochure – make certain to pick up your copy.
4. Shoots are only permitted in areas open to the general public, i.e. no special access privileges will be granted.
5. Drone use is restricted.
6. Annual State Park passes cannot be used for any type of commercial activity.
7. Failure to obtain the proper permit may result in a \$600 fine.

If you would like additional information on the park, potential shoot locations, or have other questions please feel free to phone 435-628-2255. Any of the full-time staff can assist you with your questions or permit:

Kristen Comella, Park Manager: kristencomella@utah.gov

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Staff can also answer permit questions, requirements, and fees regarding movie shoots; television, print, or internet commercials, advertisements, or promotions for products or businesses; large scale commercial photography; and sporting and charity events.